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Of His MAJESTY's

ROYAL CHARTER

For Incorporating the

Governors and *Guardians*

Of the Hoſpital for the Relief of Poor

LYING-IN-WOMEN,

In *DUBLIN:*

Dated the Second Day of *December*, 1756.

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GEORGE THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, and ſo forth. TO ALL unto whom theſe Preſents ſhall come Greeting. WHEREAS ſeveral of our Lords, Clergy and Gentlemen of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, Benefactors of the Hoſpital in *George's Lane*, *Dublin*, for the Relief of poor *Lying-in-Women*, in behalf of themſelves and the reſt of the Benefactors of the ſaid Hoſpital, by their Petition to our Right Truſty, and Right entirely Beloved Couſin and Counſellor *Lionel* Duke of *Dorſet*, then our Lieutenant General, and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom, ſetting forth, that in many parts of our ſaid Kingdom, but more eſpecially in the City and Suburbs of the City of *Dublin*, there are always many poor and diſtreſſed Women great with Child, who, by the Sickneſs, Death, Abſence, Neglect, or extream Poverty of their Husbands, wholly depend on their own daily Work, for even common Neceſſaries; and are in Lying-in, frequently both themſelves and Infants loſt, not only by the Difficulty of obtaining the Care and Attendance of ſome ſkilful Perſon, but even through the Want of ſuch Covering, Lodging, and Suſtenance, as are neceſſary for Women in that Condition; many Inſtances of which (if required) could be produced, more eſpecially in the Caſe of Wives and Widows of the Soldiers and Sailors of our Army and Navy. And that already a conſiderable Sum had been collected, and many Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction as well as others, had declared their Intentions to contribute largely towards the Building and Supporting an Hoſpital for the Reception and Relief of all poor and diſtreſſed Lying-in Women, as ſoon as We ſhould be graciouſly pleaſed to grant Letters Patent for erecting ſuch Hoſpital. That ſeveral Legacies had been bequeathed to the ſame Purpoſe, to be paid by Executors, when ſuch Hoſpital ſhall be properly eſtabliſhed, That

Petition of the Lords, Clergy, and Gentlemen, to the Duke of *Dorſet*, to intercede with His Majeſty for a Charter recited.

Setting forth the Number of poor Women great with Child in this Kingdom, and their Diſtreſſes in Lying-in.

Often themſelves and Infants loſt for want of Care and Suſtenance.

Many Inſtances, more eſpecially in the Caſe of Wives and Widows of Soldiers and Sailors.

That many Perſons of Quality had declared their Intention to contribute towards an Hoſpital for poor Lying-in Women.

And ſeveral Legacies had been bequeathed to the ſame Purpoſe.

That ſuch Hoſpital will be a Means of preſerving the Lives and relieving the Miſeries of numberleſs Lying-in Women, and of preventing the murder of new-born Infants.

Alſo may prevent Gentlemen from going abroad for Inſtruction in Midwifery.

And that Women inſtructed therein will be uſeful to the Kingdom in general.

That it will increaſe the Number of Subjects in *Ireland*.

The Succeſs which attended an Attempt towards an Hoſpital of this Kind made by Doctor *Bartholomew Moſſe*.

That ſuch Hoſpital, when eſtabliſhed will be a means not only of preſerving the Lives, and relieving the Miſeries of numberleſs Lying-in Women, but alſo of preventing that moſt unnatural (though too frequent) Practice of abandoning, or perhaps murthering, new born Infants. And that it may prevent ſuch Gentlemen as intend to practice Midwifery in our ſaid Kingdom, from going Abroad for Inſtruction. That by admitting and inſtructing in ſuch Hoſpital, Women, who, after ſome time ſpent there, being duly Qualified, may ſettle in ſuch Parts of our ſaid Kingdom, as moſt ſtand in need of ſuch Perſons, it will be a Means of preventing the unhappy Effects owing to the Ignorance of the generality of Country Midwives. That by preſerving the Lives of ſo many Infants, who, in all probability muſt otherwiſe Periſh, it will increaſe the number of our Subjects, in our ſaid Kingdom. AND further ſetting forth, that the Petitioners were the more encouraged in their Application to our ſaid then Lieutenant General, and General Governor, of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, from the great Succeſs which had then already attended an Attempt towards an Hoſpital of this Kind, made by Doctor *Bartholomew Moſſe* of the ſaid City of *Dublin*, Surgeon and Man-Midwife; who being convinced of the great Uſefulneſs of the Undertaking, and incouraged thereto by the Subſcriptions of ſeveral well diſpoſed Perſons, had opened, ſome time ſince, for this Purpoſe, an Houſe furniſhed with twenty four Beds, and other Neceſſaries in proportion; and in the Space of Four Years and an Half, One Thouſand Two Hundred and Forty Women, with proper Certificates of their Poverty and good Character, had been admitted, and ſafely delivered of One Thouſand Two Hundred and Sixty Two Children (ſeveral having had Twins) and diſcharged: during which whole Time, there had been no Inſtance of any Child expoſed or murthered in the City or any of the Suburbs of *Dublin*. The ſaid Petitioners did, by ſuch their Petition, apply to our ſaid then Lieutenant General, and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom, to intercede with us for our Royal Charter to incorporate ſuch Perſons as we ſhould think fit, by the Name of the *Governors* and *Guardians* of the Hoſpital for the Relief of Poor *Lying-in Women*, in *Dublin*, with a Power of purchaſing Lands to the Value of One Thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, together with ſuch other Powers, and under ſuch Regu-

That in four Years and an Half 1240 Women had been delivered therein of 1262 Children.

And that in that time there was no Inſtance of any Child expoſed or murthered in *Dublin*.

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lations as to Us ſhould ſeem proper. AND WHEREAS our ſaid Lieutenant General, and General Governor, did, by his Order, bearing Date the Twelfth Day of *March*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, refer the ſaid Petition to our Attorney and Solicitor General of our ſaid Kingdom, to examine and conſider the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and report unto our ſaid Lieutenant General, and General Governor, whether it would be adviſeable for Us to grant the Charter thereby deſired; who, by their Report, bearing Date the Fifth Day of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Two, are of Opinion that the granting the Petitioners ſuch a Charter as is deſired, will be of great Benefit and Advantage to that our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*. WE therefore being graciouſly pleaſed to encourage ſo laudable an Undertaking: KNOW YE that WE, of our ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, by and with the Advice and Conſent of our Right Truſty and well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor, *Robert* Viſcount *Jocelyn*, our Chancellor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, our Right Truſty and Right well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *James* Earl of *Kildare*, and our Right Truſty and Right well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *Brabazon* Earl of *Beſsborough*, our Juſtices General and General Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; and according to the Tenor and Effect of our Letters under our Privy Signet and Sign Manual, bearing Date, at our Court at *Kenſington*, the Twenty-ſixth Day of *July*, one Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, in the Thirtieth Year of our Reign, and now inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of *Chancery* in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*: HAVE made, nominated, conſtituted, and appointed, and by theſe Preſents WE do make, nominate, conſtitute, and appoint, our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, or other our Chief Governor or Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland* for the time being: The moſt reverend Father in God the Lord Archbiſhop of *Armagh*, Primate of all *Ireland*; the Right Honourable the Lord Chancellor of our ſaid Kingdom; the Right Honourable the *Speaker* of our Houſe of Commons of our ſaid Kingdom; the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City of *Dublin*; the moſt Reverend Father in God the Lord Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, Primate of *Ireland*; the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Biſhop of *Kildare*; the Right Honourable the

His Majeſty grants a Charter as deſired.

Governors and Guardians appointed.

the Commander in Chief of our Forces in our ſaid Kingdom; the Reverend the Dean of Saint *Patrick*'s, *Dublin*; the Reverend the Archdeacon of the City of *Dublin*; the Recorder of the ſaid City; and the High Sheriffs of the ſaid City; all for the time being: our Right Truſty and Right well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *James* Earl of *Kildare*, and the Earls of *Kildare* for ever; our Right Truſty and Right well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *John* Earl of *Shelburne*; the Right Reverend Father in God *Robert* Lord Biſhop of *Clogher*; the Right Reverend Father in God *Jemmat* Lord Biſhop of *Corke* and *Roſs*; the Right Reverend Father in God *Robert* Lord Biſhop of *Raphoe*: the Right Honourable Sir *Arthur Gore*, Baronet; the Right Honourable *John Ponſonby*, Eſq; the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Taylor*, Baronet; the Right Honourable *Hercules Langford Rowley*, Eſq, the Reverend *John Whittingham*, Doctor in Divinity; *Nathaniel Clements*, *William Henry Dawſon*, *William Forward*, *Ralph Sampſon*, *William Whittingham*, and *Edward Sterling*, Eſquires, *Ellis Price*, Merchant, and *Bartholomew Moſſe*, Doctor of Phyſick; and ſuch others as ſhall from time to time be elected, in the manner herein after directed, to be one Body Politick and Corporate, in Deed and in Name, by the Name of THE GOVERNORS AND GUARDIANS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR LYING-IN WOMEN IN *DUBLIN*. And them our ſaid Lieutenant General and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, or other our Chief Governor or Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland* for the time being, the ſaid Lord Archbiſhop of *Armagh*, the ſaid Lord Chancellor of our ſaid Kingdom, the ſaid *Speaker* of the Houſe of Commons of our ſaid Kingdom, the ſaid Lord Mayor of the City of *Dublin*, the ſaid Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, the ſaid Lord Biſhop of *Kildare*, the ſaid Commander in Chief of our Forces in our ſaid Kingdom, the ſaid Dean of Saint *Patrick*'s, *Dublin*, the ſaid Archdeacon of the City of *Dublin*, the ſaid Recorder of the ſaid City, and the ſaid High Sheriffs of the ſaid City, all for the time being; the ſaid Earl of *Kildare*, and the Earls of *Kildare* for ever; the ſaid Earl of *Shelburne*, the ſaid *Robert* Lord Biſhop of *Clogher*, the ſaid *Jemmat* Lord Biſhop of *Corke* and *Roſs*, the ſaid *Robert* Lord Biſhop of *Raphoe*, the ſaid Sir *Arthur Gore*, Baronet, the ſaid *John Ponſonby*, Eſq; the ſaid Sir *Thomas Taylor*, Baronet, the ſaid *Hercules Langford Rowley*, Eſq;

The ſaid Governors and Guardians to be one Body Politick and Corporate, by the Name of *The Governors and Guardians of the Hoſpital for the Relief of poor Lying-in Women in* Dublin.

Eſq; the ſaid *John Whittingham*, Doctor in Divinity, the ſaid *Nathaniel Clements*, *William Henry Dawſon*, *William Forward*, *Ralph Sampſon*, *William Whittingham*, and *Edward Sterling*, Eſquires, the ſaid *Ellis Price*, and the ſaid *Bartholomew Moſſe*, one Body Politick and Corporate in Deed and in Name, by the Name of THE GOVERNORS AND GUARDIANS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR THE RELIEF OF POOR LYING-IN WOMEN IN *DUBLIN*, WE do make, nominate, conſtitute, and appoint by theſe Preſents; and by the ſame Name to have perpetual Succeſſion, to purchaſe and take, hold, receive, and enjoy, to them and their Succeſſors, any Manors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments whatſoever in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, not exceeding in the Whole the clear yearly Value of One Thouſand Pounds, and all manner of Goods, Chattles, and perſonal Eſtate of what Nature and Value ſoever. AND alſo by the ſame Name to ſue, and to be ſued, plead, and be impleaded, anſwer, and be anſwered unto, in all the Courts and Places whatſoever, of Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all Suits, Plaints, and Demands, whatſoever. And that they and their Succeſſors may have and uſe ſuch Common Seal as they ſhall think proper; and that it may be lawful for them and their Succeſſors, to change, break, alter, and make new the ſame from time to time, as they ſhall think fit. AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that the ſaid Corporation, and their Succeſſors for ever, ſhall have one Preſident, ſix Vice Preſidents, one Treaſurer, one Secretary, and one Maſter of the ſaid Hoſpital; and that our Lieutenant General and General Governor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, ſhall be the firſt Preſident; and the moſt Reverend Father in God the Archbiſhop of *Armagh*, Primate of all *Ireland*; the moſt Reverend Father in God the Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, Primate of *Ireland*; the Right honourable *James* Earl of *Kildare*; the Right Reverend Father in God *Robert* Lord Biſhop of *Clogher*; the Right Honourable Sir *Arthur Gore*, Baronet; and the Right Honourable Sir *Thomas Taylor*, Baronet, the ſix firſt Vice Preſidents; *Ralph Sampſon*, Eſq; the firſt Treaſurer; and *Edward Sterling*, Eſq; the firſt Secretary; and *Bartholomew Moſſe*, Doctor of Phyſick, the firſt Maſter of the ſaid Hoſpital: Each of them the ſaid Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer and Secretary, to continue in their ſaid reſpective Offices, of Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, and

To have perpetual Succeſſion to purchaſe Lands not exceeding 1000 *l. per annum*, and perſonal Eſtate without Limitation.

To ſue and be ſued, *&c.*

To have a Common Seal, and to alter and make new the ſame if they ſhall think fit.

To have one Preſident, ſix Vice Preſidents, one Treaſurer, one Secretary, and one Maſter of the Hoſpital.

Lord Lieutenant the firſt Preſident.

Six firſt Vice Preſidents named.

Firſt Treaſurer, Secretary and Maſter named.

Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer and Secretary to continue until others ſhall be choſen in their rooms.

and Secretary of the ſaid Hoſpital, from the Date of theſe our Letters Patent, until the firſt *Friday* in the Month of *November*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, and until others ſhall be choſen in their reſpective Rooms, unleſs they ſhall ſooner die, reſign, or be removed; and the ſaid *Bartholomew Moſſe* to continue in his Office of Maſter of the ſaid Hoſpital during his natural Life, unleſs he ſhall reſign, or be removed for reaſonable Cauſe. AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby authorize and direct, that the ſaid Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, Secretary, Maſter of the ſaid Hoſpital, and the reſt of the Members of the ſaid Corporation, alſo above named; or as many of them the ſaid Preſident, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, Secretary, Maſter of the Hoſpital and Members as conveniently can or may, ſhall within forty Days after the Date of theſe our Letters patent, meet together, at ſuch Time and Place as the ſaid Preſident, or in caſe of his Deceaſe, Abſence or Default, the ſaid Vice Preſidents, or ſuch of them as ſhall be in the City or Suburbs of *Dublin*, ſhall appoint by Summons or other Notice, which he or they, is or are by theſe Preſents impowered and required timely to iſſue for that Purpoſe, to the ſaid Members or ſuch of them as live within the City or Suburbs of *Dublin*; where they or the Major Part of them then preſent, may chooſe all ſuch inferior Officers and Servants as ſhall be thought neceſſary or uſeful for the Purpoſes of the ſaid Corporation, to ſerve in the ſaid Offices until the firſt *Friday* in *November*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Six, and until others ſhall be elected in their Rooms, unleſs they ſhall ſooner die, reſign, or be removed: And further may chooſe and appoint one or more Committee or Committees, out of the Members of the ſaid Corporation, to conſiſt of ſuch Number and Perſons, as to the major Part of the Members then preſent ſhall ſeem fit, to continue until the firſt *Friday* in the Month of *November*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and fifty Six. AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that ſuch and all and every Committee and Committees, elected or appointed according to the Directions of theſe Preſents, ſhall have full Power to direct, manage and tranſact, all the Buſineſs, Affairs, Eſtate, and Effects, of the ſaid Corporation; and to take in, relieve, and diſcharge all poor Lying-in Women, according to ſuch Rules and Directions, as ſhall be made

Bartholomew Moſſe to continue Maſter during his Life.

The ſaid Corporation to meet within forty Days after the Date of the Charter.

By Summons to be iſſued by the Preſident or Vice Preſidents.

To chooſe inferior Officers and Servants, who are to continue until others ſhall be elected in their rooms.

Alſo to appoint a Committee or Committees.

Committees to have Power to manage the Affairs of the Corporation, and to take in, relieve, and diſcharge poor Women, according to the Rules made by general Courts,

made and eſtabliſhed from time to time by general Courts. AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, and We do further authorize and appoint, that there ſhall be every Year four ſtated general Meetings of the Governors and Guardians of the ſaid Corporation at the ſaid Hoſpital, or other convenient Place, to be held on every firſt *Friday* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November*, and *February*, reſpectively; at which Meetings, and no other, the ſaid Corporation, or the Major Part of the Members then preſent, ſhall and may execute Leaſes of the Eſtate or Eſtates of the ſaid Hoſpital, for any Term not exceeding thirty one Years, or three Lives, in Poſſeſſion, and not in Reverſion, at the beſt Rent that can be had or got for the ſame. AND WE do by theſe Preſents for us our Heirs and Succeſſors give and grant to the ſaid General Courts full Power and Authority to make all ſuch Bye-laws as they ſhall think meet, for the Well-governing of the ſaid Corporation, provided ſuch Bye-laws be not repugnant to the Laws and Statutes of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*. AND OUR further Will and Pleaſure is, and We do further authorize and direct, that at the general Meeting of the ſaid Corporation on the firſt *Friday* in *November* in all future Time, ſhall and may be the Election of all ſucceeding Preſidents, Vice Preſidents, Treaſurer, Secretary, and Maſter of the Hoſpital, and Committees, by Majority of Votes of all the Members then preſent, to continue in their reſpective Offices until the firſt *Friday* in the Month of *November* following, and until others ſhall be choſen in their room, and all other inferior Officers ſhall be annually appointed, or oftner, if needful, by the Major Part of the Members then preſent at their general Meeting, at ſuch Salaries as they ſhall think reaſonable. Provided that the ſaid Salaries of Officers or Servants, to be employed by the ſaid Corporation, ſhall not in the Whole, at any Time, exceed one fifth Part of the clear yearly Profits, Intereſt, and Produce of the Real and Perſonal Eſtate to them at that time belonging. AND moreover We grant that the Members preſent at all general Meetings, or the Major Part of them then preſent, may from time to time remove and diſplace any Officers and Servants of the ſaid Corporation, for Miſdemeanors, at their Will and Pleaſure, and put others in their rooms; and that the Committee for the time being, may, on any juſt Cauſe, ſuſpend or diſplace any inferior Officers or Servants, and put others in

Said Corporation to have four ſtated general Meetings every Year.

On every firſt *Friday* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November*, and *February*.

At which Meetings, and no other, Leaſes to be executed.

Said general Courts impowered to make Bye-laws.

Firſt *Friday* in *November* to be the Election of all ſucceeding Preſidents, Vice Preſidents, &c. by Majority of Votes.

To continue until the firſt *Friday* in *November* following, and until others ſhall be choſen in their room.

Inferior Officers to be annually appointed, or oftner.

Salaries of Officers and Servants not to exceed one *fifth* Part of the clear yearly Profits of the Eſtate and Effects of the Corporation.

The Members preſent at general Meetings may diſplace any Officers and Servants, and elect others.

The Committee may ſuſpend or diſplace inferior Officers, &c.

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No Act in any general Meeting to be valid unleſs *ſeven* be preſent, and the Major Part of them conſenting.

their rooms, until the next general Meeting. Provided that no Act in any general Meeting ſhall be valid, unleſs Seven, or more Members be preſent, and the Major Part of ſuch as ſhall be preſent be conſenting thereto. AND our further Will is, and We do hereby authorize and require, that in all general Courts or Meetings, the Preſident (or in caſe of his Death or Abſence the Vice Preſident firſt named in the Liſt of Vice Preſidents, then preſent) be the Chairman of the ſaid Court, and have a double or caſting Vote in caſe of Equality of Votes. And in Caſe of the Death or Abſence of the Preſident, and of all the Vice Preſidents, that the Majority of Governors then preſent, may appoint any Governor preſent to be Chairman of the ſaid Court, who ſhall likewiſe have a double or caſting Voice, in caſe of Equality of Votes. Provided alſo that no Act in any Committee be valid unleſs Five or more Members be preſent, and the Major Part of them preſent conſenting thereto. AND WE do moreover Grant, that the Preſident (or in caſe of his Death the Vice Preſident, as named in the Liſt of Vice-Preſidents) may at any time, as there ſhall be Occaſion, ſummon a General Meeting or Court, over and above the Four General ſtated Meetings; and that at any ſuch Meeting, as alſo at any of the Four General ſtated Meetings, the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors, or the major Part of the Members then preſent, may from time to time Elect and Nominate ſuch fit and able Perſons to be Governors and Guardians, as they ſhall think moſt likely to incourage and promote the Charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Corporation: which Governors and Guardians ſo elected, ſhall, from and after ſuch Election, be adjudged and deemed Members of the ſaid Corporation, and as ſuch ſhall be Summoned, and admitted to Vote and Act, by theſe Preſents, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if their Names were particularly inſerted to be Members thereof. Provided always that the Members of the ſaid Corporation, ſhall never be more in Number, in the whole, than Sixty Governors and Guardians; and all Elections or Nominations of any Perſon or Perſons, over ſuch Number of Sixty Governors and Guardians, to be void, and of none Effect. AND to the Intent that the ſaid Corporation may have Continuance for Ever, WE do hereby Ordain and Grant, that whenſoever any Member or Members thereof, ſhall happen to die, the ſurviving Members ſhall remain incorporate, by the Name aforeſaid,

In all general Courts the Preſident (or the Vice Preſident firſt named in the Liſt, then preſent) to be Chairman, and to have a caſting Vote in caſe of Equality of Votes.

In caſe of the Death or Abſence of the Preſident and all the Vice Preſidents, the Majority of Governors preſent may appoint a Chairman, who ſhall alſo have a caſting Voice.

No Act in a Committee to be valid unleſs *five* be preſent, and the Major Part of them conſenting.

The Preſident (or the Vice-Preſident as named in the Liſt) may at any time ſummon a general Meeting, over and above the four ſtated Meetings.

At any general Meeting the Corporation may elect other Governors and Guardians.

Governors to be elected to have the ſame Powers with thoſe already nominated.

Members of the Corporation never to exceed *Sixty* Governors.

When any Member ſhall die the ſurviving Members ſhall remain incorporate.

aforeſaid, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if all the Members thereof had continued. AND Our further Will and Pleaſure is, and We moreover direct that the ſaid Corporation and their Succeſſors, ſhall and may have Power to authorize and appoint ſuch Perſons as they ſhall think fit, to take Subſcriptions, and collect ſuch Money or Monies, as ſhall by any Perſon or Perſons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, Companies or other Societies, be given or contributed for the Purpoſes aforeſaid; and revoke and make void ſuch Authorities and Appointments, as they ſhall ſee cauſe. AND moreover We further Order and Direct, that the ſaid Corporation, ſhall and may cauſe fair and juſt Accounts in Writing to be kept of all the Receipts and Payments, by or to them their Officers and Agents reſpectively, in relation to the Premiſſes, which ſhall be liable to the View and Inſpection not only of any Member of the ſaid Corporation, but alſo of any Subſcriber or Subſcribers, Benefactor or Benefactors; which ſaid Accounts ſhall on the firſt *Thurſday* in *June*, every Year, or within Fourteen Days after, be examined, audited, adjuſted, and ſubſcribed by the Members preſent at ſuch Meeting, or the major Part of them. AND WE do hereby further Authorize and Direct, that the Maſter of the Hoſpital, for the Time being, be always ſome experienced Practitioner in Midwifery, and that he ſhall have two Aſſiſtant Men-Midwives, to be propoſed by him the ſaid Maſter, and to be approved of by the then ſitting Committee. And that all Students in Phyſick, Surgeons, or Apprentices to Surgeons, and all ſuch others, whether Men or Women, as intend to practice Midwifery, and ſhall be approved of by the ſaid Maſter, ſhall and may have full Liberty to attend the ſaid Hoſpital, and be inſtructed under the ſaid Maſter and his two Aſſiſtants. And that from and after the Death, Reſignation, or Removal for reaſonable Cauſe of the ſaid *Bartholomew Moſſe*, whom we do hereby appoint firſt Maſter of the Hoſpital, and to continue in the ſaid Office for and during the Term of his natural Life, unleſs he ſhall ſooner reſign, or be removed for reaſonable Cauſe, no one Perſon, however deſerving ſhall be capable of being Elected Maſter of the ſaid Hoſpital, who has been Maſter for ſeven Years, either Succeſſively or at different Times, but amounting in the whole to ſeven Years. AND our further Will is, that in all future Elections of Maſter of the Hoſpital, Regard be always had, and Preference

The Corporation may appoint Agents, to collect Money, &c.

Accounts to be kept of Receipts and Payments, &c.

Accounts to be liable to the Inſpection of all Benefactors.

Accounts to be examined and adjuſted on the firſt *Thurſday* in *June* every Year.

The Maſter of the Hoſpital to be always ſome experienced Practitioner in Midwifery; and to have two Aſſiſtants, to be propoſed by him.

Students in Phyſick or Surgery may attend and be inſtructed in the Hoſpital.

After the Death of *Bartholomew Moſſe*, no Perſon to be Maſter for more than ſeven Years.

In future Elections of Maſter, the Preference to be given to ſuch as have been Aſſiſtants.

And in appointing Aſſiſtants, the Preference to be given to ſuch as have been inſtructed in the Hoſpital.

No Aſſiſtant to be continued for more than three Years.

Preference given to ſuch as have been Aſſiſtants to the former, or any Maſter of the Hoſpital, and that in propoſing and appointing all future Aſſiſtants, Regard be always had, and Preference given to ſuch as have been Inſtructed in the ſaid Hoſpital. AND WE do further Authorize and Direct, that no one Perſon ſhall be continued Aſſiſtant to the Maſter longer than for the Space of Three Years. AND our further Will and Pleaſure is, that theſe our Letters Patent, and every thing therein contained and ſpecified, or the Inrollment thereof, ſhall be, in all and every thing and things, firm, valid, and effectual in the Law, according to the Purport and Tenor of theſe our Letters Patent. Provided always that theſe our Letters Patent be Inrolled, in the Rolls of our *High-Court* of *Chancery*, in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, within the Space of Six Months, next enſuing the Date of theſe Preſents. IN WITNESS whereof, we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS our aforeſaid Juſtices General and General Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, at *Dublin*, the Second Day of *December*, in the Thirtieth year of our Reign.

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Examined *Mich. Nowlan*, Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper.

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